

Application No. 10/724,690
Amendment dated June 21, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 21, 2006

Docket No.: 1381-0304P

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached is a new sheet of drawing.

Attachment: New sheet

REMARKS

Claims 8-17 are pending. By this response, claims 1-7 are cancelled and claims 8-17 are added. This response also add a new Title, Abstract, drawings (Fig. 1) and amends the specification. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Title

The Office Action requires a new Title more descriptive of the invention. In response, Applicants have provided the following new Title, "Method of Integrating Telecommunication Services With Services Performed For One or More Automatic Devices", which is more descriptive of the invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Title is respectfully requested.

Abstract

The Office Action objects to the Abstract because line 11 contains the term "comprises." In response, Applicants have provided a new Abstract, which addresses this issue by removing this term. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The Office Action alleges that the subject matter of the application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention and requires a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81(c). In response, Applicants have provided Fig. 1. A corresponding description of Fig. 1 is added to the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the features of Fig. 1 do not add any new matter. Applicants submit that the application is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.81(c).

Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 4-7 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. Claims 4-7 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the objection is now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilson (USP 6,578,675) and claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamada (2002/0173970). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejections in view of these claims are now moot. Withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Although the rejections are moot, Applicants provide the following remarks with respect to the novelty of the newly added claims over the cited references, Wilson and Hamada.

In embodiments of the present invention, a business/company contracts with a client to install automatic devices such as an elevator, escalator and door, etc. and performs the monitoring and maintenance of the devices. The business also installs telecommunication equipment in the automatic devices and monitoring equipment for monitoring the telecommunication equipment and automatic device. The business then establishes a network service and handles the third party service arrangements. The business will also perform the monitoring and operation of the telecommunication equipment and automatic devices. The

business then invoices in a single bill all services rendered to the client. Therefore, a client only has to contract with the business to obtain all the above advantages of installation and monitoring of automatic devices and telecommunication equipment and services in the devices.

In contrast, Wilson teaches an elevator on which a business installs a computer, monitor and camera. The elevator is connected to a mainframe network server via a telephone line. The server sends advertising messages to the elevator to be displayed on the monitor. The system provider performs the installation, maintenance/service and billing of the advertising system. The system provider, however, does not perform installation, monitoring and service of the elevator itself and the telecommunication equipment along with providing a single bill for all of the above services, installation and monitoring.

Hamada teaches a system in which a customer can contact a service company via a network and submit a particular service plan for an existing elevator. The service plan may include maintenance and monitoring of the system. The company can connect to the customer via a network (telephone, data line, etc.). The service system of Hamada, however, does not include installation and maintenance of the telecommunication equipment or communication network connections and the installation of the elevators themselves.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Reg. No. 41,345 at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any

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additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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1 page of Drawings (Fig. 1)